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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (June 23-30, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 1634 and previous

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) From June 23 to 30, 2007, five security personnel, including a village guard, died in clashes with the PKK or in IED explosions. During the same period four security officials, including one village guard, were wounded in action (WIA). So far in June, 23 were KIA and 51 WIA. Casualty figures for June exceed those from May, when 15 security personnel were KIA and 42 WIA.

¶3. (U) From June 23 to 30, 15 PKK terrorists were killed in action and nine arrested, including seven who surrendered to security officials.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported around ten clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in the region. Security forces unearthed at least a dozen PKK shelters and caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) On June 23, the PKK attacked a Jandarma Station in Ovacik, Tunceli with a tanker truck. The PKK suicide bomber and the tanker driver, who was actually a civilian kidnapped by the bomber died in the incident.

¶6. (U) On June 25 the PKK derailed a cargo train in Gaziantep.

¶7. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
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May 2007 40  
June 2007 40

#### CASUALTIES

##### Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA  
June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

##### PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered  
June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

#### CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113  
June 2007 50

18. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007. Note: We are currently updating these statistics.

#### TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

KIA WIA

JANUARY 1 2

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FEBRUARY 1 0

MARCH 5 4

APRIL 18 16

MAY 15 42

JUNE 24 51

TOTAL 64 125

##### PKK

KIA Captured Surrendered

JANUARY -- 5 3

FEBRUARY -- 14 --

MARCH 16 15 7

APRIL 16 8 4

MAY 20\* 31 3

JUNE 34 16 17

TOTAL 86 89 34

\* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

#### CIVILIANS

KIA WIA

JANUARY 0 0

FEBRUARY 1 0

MARCH 0 0

APRIL 1 0

MAY	13*	108*
JUNE	1	1
TOTAL	16	109

\* Includes 8 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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